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### TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m., Room 102, State Capitol

Public comment will be taken upon request and at the discretion of the chair.

8:00 a.m. Call to order, roll call -- Rep. Bob Bergren, presiding officer  
Approval of minutes from November 27, 2007, meeting -- **action item**  
Delegation of authority to agencies to adopt administrative rules -- Greg Petesch  
TVMT update - Stephen Maly, Helena Civic Television  
(break)

10:00 a.m. **Strategic Planning Discussions Continued**

Media access to legislative proceedings

- Opening statements - President Cooney and Speaker Sales
- Legal issues - Greg Petesch
- Panel discussion with Council members :

John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper Association, Helena

John Doran, Editor, Helena Independent Record

Ian Marquand, Chairman, Montana Freedom of Information Committee, Missoula

Greg MacDonald, Executive Director, Montana Broadcasters Association, Bonner

Public comment

(LUNCH)

1:00 p.m. **Strategic Planning, cont.**

Subcommittee reports - Rules Subcommittee

Caucus and training schedules, session calendar- Susan

Legislator compensation and reimbursement - presentation and discussion

(cont.)

- 2:00 p.m.     **Information Technology Updates** - Steve Eller
- Vote Systems
  - Electronic Notification Pilot for Legislators- bill draft review letters,  
          preintroduction letters, hearing notices, phone and email messages
  - Audio Minutes
- (break)
- 2:30 p.m.     **Policy Considerations for Legislative Council**  
          Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees
- Interim committee budget status reports
  - Discussion on policy and budget development - discussion
- 3:30 p.m.     **Legislative Services Division reports and updates**
- Continuity of Government - Susan
  - Electronic Records Managements - Susan
  - Administrative Manual - Susan
- 3:45 p.m.     Public comment on any public matter within the Legislative Council's jurisdiction.
- Adjournment

## **Subcommittee Schedule**

Monday, January 28, 2008

All meetings in State Capitol

- 1:00 p.m.     Rules Subcommittee -- Room 102
- Rules Subcommittee: Bergren, Cocchiarella, Gebhardt, and Himmelberger  
Petesch will staff

Other subcommittees are not planning to meet.

Management Subcommittee: Barkus, Campbell, Cocchiarella, Himmelberger

Vote Systems Subcommittee: Barkus, Campbell, Cooney, Sales